Core Clerkships

Family and Community Medicine Clerkship: MCFAM-MAIN

The Family and Community Medicine Clerkship introduces students to the role and identity of the family physician in today’s healthcare system and demonstrates the family medicine approach to the comprehensive care of common health problems.

Credits: 8
Clerkship Director: William Huang (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b27d4dc2-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

Longitudinal Ambulatory Clinical Experience (LACE): MCLCC-MAIN AND MCLPCP-MAIN

The Longitudinal Ambulatory Clinical Experience (LACE) is a required course for all third-year medical students on Thursday afternoons from July to June. Students gain knowledge about common, chronic medical disorders treated in an ambulatory setting and an increased understanding about the roles of non-physician healthcare providers delivering services in the community. Students practice professional behaviors and communicate with team members while learning more about the social, financial and compassionate challenges of healthcare. Students are assigned to a clinical preceptor for a six-month semester. An additional six months will be devoted to work in a wide range of community health clinics; hospices; shelters for women, adolescents, or the homeless; adult and child health protective services; and chaplaincy. The curriculum focuses on prevention and health maintenance, ambulatory medicine, palliative care, systems-based practice and an introduction to essential services for the social and health needs of patients outside of the traditional hospital environment.

Credits: 4.5 (MCLCC) 4.5 (MCLPCP)
Course Director: Sanghamitra Misra (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b25d7c60-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

Medicine Clerkship: MCMED-MAIN

Core Medicine is a clinical rotation designed to develop students' skills in diagnosis and management of illness in adults. Each student will have a unique experience in medicine. Learning will be self-directed and based on the patients seen. Students will learn a great deal about physical diagnosis, laboratory evaluation and differential diagnosis of important disorders. Students will also be expected to learn fundamental aspects of therapy that can be use on other rotations.

Credits: 24
Clerkship Director: Nadia Ismail (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b186791e-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

Neurology Clerkship: MCNEU-MAIN
The required Clerkship in Neurology is a four-week rotation designed to begin to teach the skill of localizing pathology within the neuroaxis. The emphasis is, therefore, on thinking in terms of neuroanatomy rather than on disease entities and management issues. Students will learn through didactic lectures, syllabus materials, supervised direct patient interaction, and clinical instruction.

Credits: 8
Clerkship Director: Doris Kung (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b1f03b6c-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

Obstetrics/Gynecology (OB/GYN) Clerkship: MCOBG-MAIN

The mission of the OB/GYN Clerkship is to provide the medical student with the basic information concerning women's health issues needed by any practicing physician and expose the student to the breadth of obstetrics and gynecology. The discipline focus of the clerkship is to develop the medical student's technical skills, especially those unique to the field, such as pelvic exams and delivery techniques; and to develop core clinical knowledge base essential for delivering primary healthcare for women of all ages.

Credits: 16
Clerkship Director: Jennifer Bercaw-Pratt (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b1881860-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

Pediatrics Clerkship: MCPED-MAIN

The goals of the Pediatric Clerkship are for students to access and discuss preventive healthcare and anticipatory guidance for families, children and adolescents; to learn the presenting symptoms, diagnosis and management of common childhood physical and mental illnesses; identify social and financial barriers to medical care for children and adolescents; and to know the recommendations for routine screening for the following: development, nutrition, mental health, anemia, lead, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, oral health, hearing and visual acuity.

Credits: 16
Clerkship Director: Elaine Fielder (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b17782e6-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

Psychiatry Clerkship: MCPSY-MAIN

The Medical Student Clerkship in Psychiatry is an eight-week rotation required of all medical students for graduation. The Psychiatry Clerkship strives to educate students in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness as well as the spectrum of normal and abnormal behavior through the lifespan. Students will be given an appreciation of mental health and mental illness in all areas of healthcare, and we hope that students will strive to be a psychologically informed physician. Students will learn in various settings on the rotation including didactic lectures, syllabus material, patient interaction, clinical teaching on rounds, observation of patient interviews by other clinicians, videotapes and required text readings.

Credits: 16
Clerkship Director: Kristin Kassaw (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b1ee1e30-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

Surgery Clerkship: MCSUR-MAIN

The Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery welcomes students to their core clerkship. The mission of the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery is to inspire the next generation of surgeons by providing medical students with a balanced surgical experience that will meet core surgical competencies in both knowledge and skills. During this clerkship, students will spend four weeks on a
general surgery service, two weeks on a surgery subspecialty service, and two weeks in the emergency room. The activities in each hospital vary somewhat; therefore, students receive specific orientation at the hospital to which they are assigned.

Credits: 16  
Clerkship Director: Juliet Holder-Haynes (https://www.bcm.edu/people/view/b1840ed7-ffed-11e2-be68-080027880ca6)

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Compact Between Teachers, Learners, Educational Staff

This compact serves both as a pledge and a reminder to teachers, learners and educational staff that moral, ethical and professional behavior by all Baylor personnel is essential to the basic principles of Baylor College of Medicine. Read the compact. (Baylor login required.)  
(https://intranet.bcm.edu/?tmp=education/docs/6-14-05_bcm_compact.pdf)